

Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A sanitary napkin comprising:
a main body, the main body comprising a fluid-permeable cover layer, a liquid-impervious barrier layer and an absorbent system intermediate the cover layer and the barrier layer, wherein the main body comprises a front portion, a rear portion and a center portion intermediate the front portion and the rear portion, and wherein the front portion extends laterally outward to ~~at least one~~ an outermost front distal point and the rear portion extends laterally outward to ~~at least one~~ an outermost rear distal point; ~~and~~
a side flap projecting laterally outward from the absorbent system, extending laterally outward from a proximal edge of the center portion and adapted to be folded over a crotch portion of a user's undergarment in use, the side flap extending laterally outward ~~from the proximal edge to a distal end~~ to an outermost flap distal point, wherein the outermost flap distal point ~~distal end~~ is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost front distal point and the distal end is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost rear distal point, ~~and~~
wherein the ~~at least one~~ outermost front distal point, the ~~at least one~~ outermost rear distal point, and the side flap are each positioned on a single side of a longitudinally extending center line of the sanitary napkin; ~~and~~
wherein ~~said~~ the side flap is structured and arranged to secure said sanitary napkin to said user's undergarment when said flap is folded over said crotch portion of said user's undergarment; and
wherein the outermost flap distal point has a distance from the longitudinally-extending centerline that is less than a distance between outermost front distal point and the

longitudinally-extending centerline, and the outermost flap distal point has a distance from the longitudinally-extending centerline that is less than a distance between the outermost rear distal point and the longitudinally-extending centerline.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein the side flap is, at least in part, structurally isolated from the front portion by an anterior notch, and the side flap is, at least in part, structurally isolated from the rear portion by a posterior notch.

4. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, ~~wherein the side flap projects outward to at least one outermost distal point of the flap, and~~ wherein the sanitary napkin further comprises an anterior notch defined by an anterior notch boundary that extends continuously from the ~~at least one~~ outermost front distal points to the ~~at least one~~ outermost flap distal points ~~of the flap~~, and wherein the ~~at least one~~ outermost flap distal points ~~of the flap~~ are ~~is~~ located on the single side of the longitudinally-extending centerline.

5. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 3, wherein the anterior notch has a boundary that includes portions that are laterally inward from the outermost front distal point.

6. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein the flap is free of positioning adhesive.

7. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1, wherein the flap includes a flap positioning adhesive on a bottom surface the liquid-impervious barrier layer.

8. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 3₁ wherein a notch selected from the group consisting of the anterior notch, the posterior notch, and combinations thereof is longitudinally asymmetric.
9. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 3₁ wherein ~~the~~ each notch has notch depth in a range from about 11 mm to about 20 mm.
10. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 3₁ wherein ~~the~~ each notch has a notch span in a range from about 70 mm to about 127 mm.
11. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1₁ wherein the fluid-permeable cover layer and the liquid-impervious barrier layer each extend ~~homogeneously~~ continuously across the proximal edge from the main body to the flap.
12. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1₁ further comprising a resilient element.
13. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 12₁ wherein the resilient element is separated from the flap along a hinge line.
14. (Canceled)
15. (Canceled)
16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A sanitary napkin comprising:
a main body, the main body comprising a fluid-permeable cover layer, a liquid-impervious barrier layer and an absorbent system intermediate the cover layer and the barrier layer, wherein the main body comprises a front portion, a rear portion and a center portion intermediate the front portion and the rear portion, and wherein the front portion extends laterally to at least one outermost front distal point and the rear portion extends laterally outward to at least one outermost rear distal point; and
a side flap projecting laterally outward from the absorbent system, extending laterally outward from a proximal edge of the center portion and adapted to be folded over a crotch portion of a user's undergarment in use, the side flap extending laterally outward from the proximal edge to a distal end, wherein the distal end is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost front distal point and the distal end is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost rear distal point, and wherein the at least one outermost front distal point, the at least one outermost rear distal point, and the side flap are each positioned on a single side of a longitudinally extending center line of the sanitary napkin; and
a resilient element, said resilient element being separated from the flap along a hinge line.